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Re: Snake River salmon

I oppose any dam breaching. Further, I oppose spending any more tax dollars on this useless crusade to "save salmon". The salmon trough has been feeding advocacy groups, tribes, and bureaucrats far too long. Let the salmon go. They are not a *cultural icon* to me, I have never taken my grandchildren to see a salmon, nor will I in the future if it comes to that.

Salmon are not scarce. Alaskans (and tribes) run advertisements all over Washington encouraging people to eat salmon. You can purchase fish for less than ground beef. This whole crusade is a farce.

Pat Tigges August